



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY
FISH AND GAME COMMISSION**

**500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 374-A
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012**

Thursday, October 13, 2011

6:00 PM

Present: Chair Hybarger, Commissioner Etter and Commissioner Wax

Excused: Commissioner Aronberg and Commissioner Bombard

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Meeting to be called to order by Chairman Hybarger. (11-4426)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hybarger at 6:10 p.m.

2. Introduction of newly appointed members to the Fish and Game Commission and recognition of services for Bradley Nuremberg and Timothy Jones. (11-4433)

Chair Hybarger introduced newly appointed Commissioners, Lee Wax representing the Second Supervisorial District, and James W. Etter representing the Fifth Supervisorial District. A special presentation was held and "Certificates of Appreciation" from the Commission were presented to Timothy Jones and Bradley Nuremberg for their many years of service and dedication to the Commission.

After discussion, by common consent and there being no objection (Commissioners Aronberg and Bombard being absent), this item was received and filed.

3. Approval of the July 14, 2011 Minutes. (11-4427)

The minutes of July 14, 2011 were continued for consideration at the January 12, 2012 meeting.

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4. Recommendation to receive and file correspondence from the State of California Fish and Game Commission:

Notices of Proposed Regulatory Action taken on the following:

- Commercial Herring Fishing
- Acceptable Forms of Identification (ALDS); Wildlife Area Passes and Annual Fee Adjustments for Sport Fishing and Commercial Fishing
- Abalone Sports Fishing
- Oroville-Thermalito Complex

Notice of Change of date of Discussion and/or Adoption Hearing for the following:

- Resident & Migratory Upland Game Hunting (OAL Notice No. Z-2011-0510-03);
- Migratory Game Bird (Waterfowl) Regulations for 2011-2012 (OAL Notice No. Z-2011-0510-04); Sport Fishing for 2011-2012 (OAL Notice No. Z-2011-0512-02);
- Inspection of Facilities for Restricted Species (OAL Notice No. Z-2011-0512-03); and Harvest of Herring and Herring Eggs (OAL Notice No. Z-2011-0712-04).

Notice of Emergency Regulatory Action for the following:

- Recreational Take of Abalone

Notice of Proposed Changes to the State of California Commission Fish and Game Commission's Regulations for the following:

- South Coast Marine Protected Areas (11-3636)

On motion of Commissioner Etter, seconded by Commissioner Wax (Commissioners Aronberg and Bombard being absent), correspondence from the State of California Fish and Game Commission was received and filed.

Attachments: [Commercial Herring Fishery](#)
[Automated License Data System ALDS](#)
[Abalone Sports Fishing](#)
[Oroville-Thermalito Complex](#)
[OAL Notice Nos. Z-2011-0510-03_Z-2011-0510-04_Z-2011-0512-02_Z-Abalone Emergency](#)
[South Marine Protected Area](#)
[South Marine Protected Areas Continuation Notice](#)
[South Marine Protected Areas Revised Regulatory Language](#)

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5. Recommendation to receive and file the United States Department of the Interior Proposal to Revise Southwestern Willow Flycatcher Critical Habitat. (11-4434)

On motion of Commissioner Etter, seconded by Commissioner Wax (Commissioners Aronberg and Bombard being absent), correspondence from the United States Department of Interior was received and filed.

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II. REPORTS

6. Staff report for October 13, 2011. (11-4430)

Martha Arana, Staff, Commission Services, reported the following:

- **AB 1234 Ethics Training Certification is mandatory for all Commissioners. Commissioners Etter and Wax expressed an interest in taking the next available instructor-led course. Chair Hybarger and Commissioners Aronberg and Bombard completed the course.**
- **On May 31, 2011, the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors adopted the County Policy of Equity (COPE). The Policy governs all employees, Board members, supervisors, managers, commissioners, applicants for employment with the County of Los Angeles and volunteers. This Policy will be e-mailed to all Commissioners with expectation of receiving their acknowledgement form by fax, email, or mail soon after.**

After discussion, by common consent and there being no objection (Commissioners Aronberg and Bombard being absent), this item was received and filed.

7. Review of commissions Donations Fish and Game Trust Fund Reconciliation for the Month of September 2011. (11-4431)

Martha Arana, Staff, Commission Services, reported that the Commission Donation Fish and Game Trust Fund Reconciliation Balance as of September 2011 is \$6,486.99. After discussion, on motion Commissioner Wax (Commissioners Aronberg and Bombard being absent), seconded by Commissioner Etter the Fish and Game Trust Fund Reconciliation Balance Report dated September 30, 2011 was received and filed.

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8. Review of the Fish and Game Propagation Fund Summary of Income, Expenditures and Fund Balance, ending September 2011 for Fiscal Year 2011-2012. (11-4432)

Martha Arana, Staff, Commission Services, reported that the Fish and

Game Commission Propagation Fund Balance Report dated September 30, 2011; indicates a balance, as of September 2011, of \$146,974.41. Ms. Arana further added that there are outstanding encumbrances of approximately \$9,200. After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Wax, seconded by Commissioner Etter (Commissioners Aronberg and Bombard being absent), the September 30, 2011 Propagation Fund Balance Report was received and filed.

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III. PRESENTATIONS

- 9.** Recommendation to rescind Item No. 10 approved by the Commission on July 14, 2011, which approved a grant request from the San Gabriel Valley Chapter of Quail Unlimited in the amount of \$3,000 to replace Pinyon Guzzler #5 by the end of 2011. (11-1918)

Robert Armijo, San Gabriel Valley Chapter of Quail Unlimited, stated the area for this guzzler was too difficult to reach because of road closures; therefore, this guzzler would not be repaired at this time.

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Wax, seconded by Commissioner Etter (Commissioners Aronberg and Bombard being absent), the Commission approved to rescind Item No. 11 of July 14, 2011, that approved a grant request in the amount of \$3,000, to the San Gabriel Valley Chapter of Quail Unlimited to replace Pinyon Guzzler #5 by the end of 2011.

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- 10.** Presentation and consideration of the a grant request from the San Gabriel Valley Chapter of Quail Unlimited in the amount of \$3,000 to install a Nevada Style Guzzler in the Angeles National Forest by October 2012.

**John Forgy, Board Member
San Gabriel Valley Chapter of Quail Unlimited (11-4460)**

Commissioner Etter noted his concerns that the guzzler may be disrupting nature and that by adding water guzzlers in the wilderness it is preventing animals go to their natural resources for water. Chair Hybarger offered examples of projects that have had a non-adverse effect on the wilderness and communities outlining the forests. Warden Lt. Ron Hoffman, State Department of Fish and Game (DFG), offered to provide scientific studies/reports in the LA Basin that support the benefits of the guzzlers, and the intervention of mankind.

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Wax, seconded by Commissioner Etter (Commissioners Aronberg and Bombard being absent), the Commission approved the request from the San Gabriel Valley Chapter of Quail Unlimited to fund the installment of a Nevada Style Guzzler in the Angeles Nation Forest by October 2012, in the amount of \$3,000.

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11. Presentation and consideration of a grant request from the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation in amount of \$7,500 to purchase catfish to stock the lake for breeding and raising of fish at Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area, in the City of Irwindale. (Continued from the meetings of May 31, 2011 and July 14, 2011)

Chris Graham, Superintendent
Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area (11-3088)

Mr. Graham was not present to address the Commission.

Brian Young, Fish and Wildlife Interpreter, DFG, reported that he recently spoke to Mr. Graham, who indicated that fact finding stage of the requested study is still a work in progress, and that Mr. Graham is uncertain if the target date for stocking catfish for breeding will remain for 2012.

After discussion, by common consent and there being no objection (Commissioners Aronberg and Bombard being absent) the Commission requested staff to contact the Superintendent for Santa Fe Dam to determine whether to place this item on the agenda for January 2012 or refer the matter back to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT-Request](#)
[SUPPORTING DOCUMENT-Revised Request](#)
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IV. DISCUSSIONS

12. Discussion and consideration for action regarding a letter and grant application to the Board of Supervisors soliciting grant requests for District activities or special projects to be considered for calendar year 2012. (11-4449)

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Etter, seconded by Commissioner Wax (Commissioners Aronberg and Bombard being absent), the letter and grant application to the Board of Supervisors for soliciting grants for District activities or special projects were approved.

Chair Haybarger requested staff to mail the approved letter and grant application to the Board of Supervisors.

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- 13.** Commissioner's report for October 13, 2011. (11-4429)

The newly appointed commissioners provided a brief account of their experiences related to Fish and Game issues. Commissioner Etter is an avid outdoorsman.

Commissioner Wax has been an avid fisherman since his youth and sees the benefit of introducing fishing to young children. He has already contacted tackle shops who have agreed to provide fishing gear and noted that the Second Supervisorial District is very interested holding fishing events in the near future.

Chair Hybarger reported the following:

- **The 2011 Southern Counties Fish and Game Commissions' Fall Conference will be held on December 2, 2011, at Los Angeles County Fire Suppression Camp 2 in La Canada/Flintridge, California. He is working on a speaker's list to cover a variety interest, and is seeking Daniel Richards, member of the DFG Commission, as one of the keynote speakers.**
- **A letter dated August 31, 2011, from the Department of Transportation (Caltrans) regarding the proposed termination of State Route-39 Reopening Project and Intent to Abandon entire route. Staff was instructed to provide a copy of the notice to members via email.**
- **The Game Bird Heritage Hunt is scheduled for November 5 & 6, 2011, and another event scheduled for January 2012. He invited the Commissioners to participate in the event and stated it is wonderful for first time hunters.**

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V. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

- 14.** Matters not posted on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Commission subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (11-4435)

Warden Lieutenant Ron Hoffman, DFG, formally introduced himself and informed the Commission that his office plans to submit request for grants. He also stated he intends to have a representative from his office, if not himself, at all the upcoming meetings.

Public Comment

- 15.** Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (11-4436)

There were no members of the public present to address the Commission.

Adjournment

- 16.** Adjournment of the meeting of October 13, 2011. (11-4437)

The October 13, 2011 Fish and Game Commission meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.